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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN PROSPECT: BOTHA VIEW

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN PERMREP BOTHA, ACCOMPANIED BY VIAL OF SAG
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CALLED ON AMB SCALI TO EXPRESS
PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR US "ACTION" IN SC. HE STRESSED THAT
HE HAD NO REACTION FROM SAG. " I REALIZE YOU WERE UNDER GREAT
PRESSURE. THE RESULT OF THE SC MEETING HAS GIVEN SOUTH AFRICA
BREATHING SPACE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WILL DO WITH IT.
YOUR SPEECH WILL STRENGTHEN MY HAND IN ARGUING FOR CHANGE.
BUT CHANGE GENERATES ITS OWN PACE, AND IF THE UN IMPOSED IMPOSSIBLE
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DEADLINES, THERE WOULD BE NO CHANCE

FOR PROGRESS."

2. BOTHA SAID IT WOULD BE A GREAT PITY IF SA WERE EVEN NOW OBLIGED TO WITHDRAW FROM UN, HIS DELEGATION WOULD CONDUCT ITSELF WITH DISCRETION BUT THERE WAS A LIMIT TO WHICH SAG, EVEN DURING PARLIAMENTARY RECESS, WOULD BE WILLING TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO

"HUMILIATING PRACTICES". "SAG DELEGATION WOULD NOT PROVOKE NEW AFRICAN MOVES" BUT WILL "AT LEAST SIT" WITHOUT VOTING OR ASKING FOR A VOTE. OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE A POINT BEYOND WHICH SAG WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO GO, HE SAID. SCALI

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